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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS
ON RECENT WARSAW PACT MEETING

REF: BUCHAREST 1657 AND 1738; STATE 85033

1. SUMMARY: RECENT PARTY EXECUTIVE MEETING ISSUED A
DECREE STRONGLY SUPPORTING CEAUSESCU'S ACTIONS AT WARSAW
PCC MEETING AND APPROVING PCC COMMUNIQUE IN GENERAL WHILE
INDICATING CERTAIN DIFFERENCES IN EMPHASIS ON SPECIFIC
ISSUES. THIS IS NOT AN UNCOMMON ROMANIAN PRACTICE.
SUB-LEADERSHIP ROMANIAN SOURCES HERE ON THE WHOLE ARE
TAKING LINE THAT PCC MEETING WENT FAIRLY WELL AND ARE
DOWNPLAYING SPECULATION OF ROMANIAN DIFFICULTIES AT WARSAW.
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END SUMMARY.

2. ROMANIAN PARTY EX CO MET APRIL 26 TO HEAR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S REPORT ON WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND TO APPROVE ACTIONS AND POSITIONS TAKEN BY ROMANIAN DELEGATION AT PCC. IN ADDITION, EX CO ISSUED LENGTHY DECRESS PRAISING CEAUSESCU'S PERSONAL ROLE AT WARSAW AND REEMPHASIZING ROMANIAN VIEWPOINT ON CENTRAL ISSUES DISCUSSED IN PCC. ASSUME TEXT AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT.

3. WHILE DECREE DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH LEAST-COMMON-DENOMINATOR POSITIONS AND FORMULATIONS IN PCC FINAL COMMUNIQUE, IT DOES REFLECT DIFFERENCES IN EMPHASIS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND OTHER PACT BRETHREN. THESE DIFFERENCES, HOWEVER, ARE WELL KNOWN AND ARE, ON THE WHOLE, COUCHED IN TERMS THAT APPEAR INTENDED TO BE INOFFENSIVE TO OTHER WP MEMBERS.

4. ON CSCE, FOR EXAMPLE, DECREE HERALDS CEAUSESCU'S ROLE IN CREATING EUROPEAN ATMOSPHERE FAVORABLE TOWARDS DETENTE AND STRESSES "NEW PRINCIPLES" OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS BASIS FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY. NO MENTION IS MADE OF ALLEGED EFFORTS IN SOME EUROPEAN QUARTERS TO SLOW DOWN DETENTE. ON MBFR, ROMANIANS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF DISARMAMENT WHILE REAFFIRMING RIGHT OF EVERY EUROPEAN STATE TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWPOINT AT VIENNA. EX CO DECREE UNDERLINES WILLINGNESS OF WP MEMBERS TO DISSOLVE PACT IF NATO WILL FOLLOW SUIT, REPEATS FAMILIAR ROMANIAN LINE ON ME, IGNORES ALL MENTION OF CHILE, AND STRESSES NEED FOR FAIR PRICES IN WORLD MARKET FOR RAW MATERIALS AND INDUSTRIAL GOODS.

5. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING PUBLIC POSITIONS, ROMANIANS AT SUB-LEADERSHIP LEVEL HAVE BEEN TAKING LINE WITH DIP-CORPS SINCE PCC THAT MEETING WENT FAIRLY WELL FOR ROMANIA (ALONG LINES OF BUCHAREST 1738. PARA 6). FOR EXAMPLE, A RETIRED ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR AVERRED THAT SOVIETS HAD CAUSED ROMANIANS MUCH MORE TROUBLE AT 1972 PCC MEETING. MOREOVER, SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS

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HAVE CLAIMED THAT WESTERN PRESS OVERPLAYED ALLEGED COOLNESS TOWARDS CEAUSESCU IN PACT BILATERALS AND THAT YAKUBOVSKY'S JOINT COMMAND REPORT WAS NOT NOVEL, ONLY COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE TO IT. SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE MUSATOV ECHOED LATTER ASSERTION.

6. IN CONTRAST, ONE NATO EMBASSY HEARD FROM EE SOURCE THAT YAKUBOVSKY'S MILITARY INTEGRATION PITCH WAS AGGRES-

SIVE AND BELLIGERENT TO POINT OF OFFENSIVENESS.
SOVIETS HERE HAVE CONTENDED, HOWEVER, THAT WP
MILITARY CHIEF COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN ANTI-INTEGRATION.

7. COMMENT: BOTH THROUGH EX CO DECREE AND PERSONAL
CONTACTS WITH WESTERNERS ROMANIANS APQJAR TO BE TREADING
DIFFICULT LINE OF AGREEING WITH PCC RESULTS AS SOLEMIZED
IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHILE STILL MAINTAINING POSITIONS
THAT VARY SOMETIMES IN SUBSTANCE BUT MORE OFTEN IN
EMPHASIS FROM THOSE AGREED. IN SPITE OF LIKELIHOOD
THAT DIFFERENCES DID EXIST AT WARSAW BETWEEN ROMANIANS
AND SOVIETS, A POINT CLEARLY REVEALED BY BODNARAS,
(BUCHAREST 1657) OVERALL IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT
ROMANIANS ON THE WHOLE ARE DOWNPLAYING SUCH DIFFERENCES
WHILE ENSURING THAT THERE IS NO EROSION OF THEIR OWN
POSITIONS.

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